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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**FELON SENTENCED TO 175 MONTHS FOR FIREARMS AND
AMMUNITION POSSESSION**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ROGER D. JUSTICE, 47, Scottsburg, Indiana, was sentenced to 175 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to the offenses of felon in possession of firearms and felon in possession of ammunition. This case was the result of a investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, and is part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

JUSTICE admitted that he possessed eight firearms and ammunition in Scott County, Indiana, after he had been convicted of two different felony controlled substance offenses in 2001 and 1988. At the time of the offenses, JUSTICE was on supervised release under the supervision of the U.S. Probation for the Southern District of Indiana based on a marijuana

distribution conviction. JUSTICE' S probation officer found the firearms and ammunition inside JUSTICE' S Scott County, Indiana, residence on September 3, 2004. Judge Hamilton cited JUSTICE' S extensive criminal record and repeated violations of sentencing conditions in support of his decision to impose consecutive sentences on the two counts JUSTICE plead guilty to in order to reach the highest sentence recommended by sentenced guidelines applicable in JUSTICE' S case.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 2 years supervised release following JUSTICE's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, JUSTICE must undergo drug testing.

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